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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Eternal Lord God, Creator, Preserver, Redeemer, and Judge, strengthen our Senators for their work today. Provide them with the resiliency needed to handle challenges and pressures.

As You illuminate their path with the light of Your wisdom, infuse them with patience to persevere in their efforts to solve complex problems. In the storms and strains of leadership, may they not deplete their faith by majoring in minors, but instead trust You in the face of perplexities. Empower them to practice the golden rule of treating others the way they themselves desire to be treated. Radiate Your hope through their lives so they can face an uncertain future unafraid.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, under an order entered last night, this morning we will immediately proceed to executive session to consider the Petraeus nomination. We will have 45 minutes of debate on that nomination. Senator LEVIN will control half of the time, and the other half of the time is under the control of the Republican leader or his designee. A vote on the confirmation will occur around 9:45 this morning. The vote on the nomination will be the only vote today.

As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes Monday, January 29. There will be no votes the following

Friday, a week from today, because the Republicans are having a retreat. We had ours earlier this year.

After we dispose of the nomination, we will return to H.R. 2. A lot of work was done yesterday. We voted on eight amendments.

HONORING THE SENATE PAGES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we get to the nomination, I want to say a couple things. Today is the graduation of the pages. There will be a ceremony at 10 o'clock honoring them in remembrance of their stay in the Capitol. The pages do invaluable work, and they have for many years. I depend upon them personally all the time. They do a lot of things that are unnoticed. In fact, almost everything they do goes almost unnoticed, but they are vitally important. They do many things, and over the decades we have come to rely upon them. I will speak later this morning at the graduation.

I want them to know, as well as the people watching today, how the pages are an integral part of this great institution.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a list reflecting the names of the Senate pages be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATE PAGES—FALL 2006

Samuel Aronowitz, Garrett Bauman, Ashton Braun, Sari Carter, Abigail Chandler, Emily Davis, Katharine Gallogly, Lily George, Albert Gilbert IV, Ian Gray, Errick Gulley, Wilson Hansen, Courtney Hoffses,

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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